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Schemes for Handloom and Handicrafts
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes being implemented for the development of handloom and handicraft sectors in the country and the details of the benefits accrued as a result of these schemes;

(b) the funds allocated/released and utilised under these schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the employment opportunities in these sectors in the country during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to meet the target fixed for the development of handloom and handicraft sectors and for increasing the employment opportunities?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a), (c) & (d): The Government of India has been implementing following schemes/programmes for development of Handloom and Handicrafts Sector throughout the country.

Handloom Sector:

1. National Handloom Development Programme.
2. Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme.
3. Yarn Supply Scheme.
4. Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme.

Handicrafts Sector:

I. A. Ambedkar Hastsslip Vikas Yojna(AHVY)

(i) Dastakar Shashktikaran Yojna
(ii) Design & Technology Upgradation
(iii) Human Resource Development(HRD)
(iv) Direct Benefit to Artisans
(v) Infrastructure and Technology Support.

B. Mega Cluster

II. Marketing Support Services.(MSS)
III. Research and Development.(R&D)

Due to implementation of above schemes, the skill level of the weavers/artisans has improved over the years leading to increase in productivity and employment.

Since Handloom and Handicrafts are in unorganized sector, data of employment year-wise is not centrally available.

(b): State-wise funds are not allocated. The details of funds released and utilized under various schemes of handloom and handicrafts during the last three years and the current are at Annexure-I.